

REPORT TO THE TWENTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
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PURSUANT TO S.C.R. NO. 202
REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH TO REVIEW THE STATE'S
VACCINATION REQUIREMENTS AND DETERMINE WHETHER VACCINATION
FOR PNEUMOCOCCAL DISEASE FOR CHILDREN ENTERING CHILD CARE
SHOULD BE ADDED TO THE CURRENT LIST OF REQUIRED VACCINATIONS

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Executive Summary

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The Immunization Branch has convened a working group composed of twenty-one persons representing fifteen stakeholder organizations to provide a mechanism for stakeholder input into the update of the school and child care immunization and examination requirements.

Working Group members have reviewed the Hawaii Administrative Rules governing Immunization and Examination and have provided comments and suggestions for improvement.

Currently, the Working Group recommendations for modifications to the school immunization and examination requirements are being compiled and finalized. The child-care subgroup has made a preliminary decision (pending final review and approval by the Working Group) to recommend that pneumococcal conjugate vaccine be added to the child-care immunization attendance requirements. Updated administrative rules will be drafted and shared for review and comment.

After comments are received, the Immunization Branch will advance the revised rules through the Hawaii Administrative Rules processing procedure for approval by the Governor.

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 202

This report is written in response to the request of Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 202 for the Department of Health to review the State's vaccination requirements and determine whether vaccination for pneumococcal disease for children entering child care should be added to the current list of required vaccinations.

The Department of Health, Disease Outbreak Control Division, Immunization Branch is committed to meeting and exceeding the requirements of the resolution by thoroughly reviewing and updating the immunization and examination requirements for child-care, compulsory school (Kindergarten through grade 12), and post-secondary school attendance in the State of Hawaii.

The Immunization Branch has convened a School Immunization and Examination Attendance Requirements Working Group to provide a mechanism for stakeholder input into the update of the school (including child care) immunization and examination requirements. The Working Group is comprised of twenty-one persons who represent fifteen stakeholder organizations (see Appendix A for a list of the organizations). Members have been tasked with reviewing current national recommendations as they pertain to immunizations and examination to determine if evidence-based revisions to the current immunization and examination requirements for school attendance in the State of Hawaii would be recommended. Stakeholder input is also invaluable in helping the Immunization Branch understand the complex issues that may arise as a result of changes to these requirements.

At the time of this report, the Working Group has met on June 13, 2007, July 19, 2007, August 8, 2007, August 22, 2007 and August 30, 2007. Working Group members have reviewed the Hawaii Administrative Rules (HAR) that pertain to Immunization and Examination (HAR Chapter 157, "Examination and Immunization") and have provided comments and suggestions for improvement. Sub-groups have been formed within the Working Group to review the immunization and examination requirements for specific school entry points (i.e. child-care, compulsory school, and post-secondary school) and discussion has been initiated regarding potential modifications to the requirements. The child-care subgroup has discussed the pneumococcal conjugate vaccine and has made a preliminary decision to recommend to the Immunization Branch Chief that this vaccine be added to the State of Hawaii child-care immunization attendance requirements, pending final review and approval by the Working Group.

Currently, the Working Group recommendations for modifications to the school immunization and examination requirements are being compiled and finalized. Using the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommendations and other State's school attendance immunization requirements as resources, research is also underway to determine the optimal number and spacing of required doses for the vaccines that have been preliminarily recommended for addition to the Hawaii school attendance requirements. Once finalized, these recommendations will be reviewed by the Working Group and upon approval, will be submitted to the Immunization Branch Chief for review and consideration. Updated administrative rules will then be drafted and shared with the Working

Group as well as partner organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter, and the Hawaii Academy of Family Physicians for review and comment. After comments are received, the Immunization Branch will advance the revised rules through the Hawaii Administrative Rules processing procedure for approval by the Governor.

Appendix A

School Immunization and Examination Attendance Requirements Working Group Member Organizations

1. American Academy of Pediatrics, Hawaii Chapter
2. Chaminade University
3. Department of Education, Student Support Section
4. Department of Human Services, Child Care Program Office
5. Hawaii Academy of Family Physicians
6. Hawaii Association of Independent Schools
7. Hawaii Pacific University
8. Kamehameha Schools
9. Punahou School
10. University of Hawaii at Manoa
11. University of Hawaii System (inclusive of Community Colleges)
12. Department of Health, Communicable Disease Division, Hawaii Tuberculosis Control Program
13. Department of Health, Community Health Division, Public Health Nursing Branch
14. Department of Health, Disease Outbreak Control Division, Disease Investigation Branch
15. Department of Health, Disease Outbreak Control Division, Immunization Branch